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1. FOL STATUS REPORT BASED ON JAN. 14 PHONE CONVERSATIONS
WITH CONCERNED COMMITTEE STAFFERS:

A. HFAC HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS HOLD ONE-DAY
HEARING EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 OR 31.
CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON WOULD WELCOME AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE
AND TESTIMONY. WE EXPECT BE ABLE REPORT BY JANUARY 16
EXACT DATE FOR THIS HEARING.

B. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. STAFFER WILL
REPORT BACK ON HOW COMMITTEE PLANS PROCEED; OUTLOOK
IS FOR DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT AND DECISION AT EARLY
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COMMITTEE SESSION.

C. SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. STAFFER EXPECTS RUPEE AGREEMENT WILL BE TAKEN UP FEBRUARY 6, AT COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES. STAFFER RECOMMENDED AMBASSADOR MEET WITH SENATORS TALMADGE AND CURTIS.

D. HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE. RUPEE AGREEMENT RAISED WITH CHAIRMAN POAGE, WHO PLANS DISCUSS WITH SENATOR TALMADGE.

2. WE ARE PREPARING BRIEFING MATERIALS, POINTS FOR USE IN AN OPENING STATEMENT AND ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS WITH RECOMMENDED RESPONSES. THESE WILL BE READY FOR AMBASSADOR'S REVIEW JANUARY 28.

3. WE PLAN KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH COMMITTEES AND WILL REPORT REGULARLY.

4. IN LIGHT IMPORTANCE SENATOR TALMADGE'S POSITION AND HIS EARLIER REQUEST FOR SEN. COOPER'S VIEWS, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT ALL WITH JOHN SHERMAN COOPER DURING HIS VISIT TO INDIA. RUSH

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